**Carolina Camp Meeting 4 Older Kids (Kindergarten-Primary)**

**Outdoor Nature Scavenger Hunt (Sabbath)**

PARENTS: Help your children learn about their amazing Creator by taking them outdoors to observe some of the following items in a nature area near you. Be sure to bring some cool water and some binoculars or a magnifying glass to look at things up close.

* Find rocks of different shapes, colors and sizes. If you are by the beach find different shells. Look at sand or dirt with a magnifying glass.
* Stop and observe an insect, such as an ant, building its anthill. Follow the path one ant (or another insect) takes. Or, watch a spider, from a safe distance, as it builds a web. Notice the pattern of the weaving and find out how spiders are able to walk on their web and not get themselves trapped like flies or insects that get caught in their webs. Webs are so strong that it’s hard for them to blow away and they can even hold a small snake in them, hanging upside-down!
* See how many different seeds you can find--fuzzy seeds that blow in the wind (dandelion) or small hard seeds that grow flowers or tree leaves.

* How many different birds can you see? What colors are they? Can you find a nest in a tree? (But, leave any nest you find in the tree!) What do the birds eat? Keep an active list of the birds you see, where you see them and write the dates.
* Find and take pictures of five different leaves. Look at the beautiful shapes and patterns of the veins in the leaves.
* See how many different flowers you can find. Look at how delicately they are made by God. What colors are they?
* What different animals do you see in the woods, at the beach or wherever you go? What do you know about those animals? Learn something new about an animal that you see or share what you know.
* Keep your eyes open and watch for God’s creation wherever you go! Look for information in guidebooks or on the Internet to help you learn about what God has made! Make a list of what you find!
* Make a Bible story scene using natural materials. If you are at the beach, make a sculpture from the sand. Take a picture of it and share it on Facebook or Instagram. Have fun! ☺
* As God’s second book, the study of nature can enrich you and your children, giving you many fun hours outdoors with them. It will also help them to know that God loves them and can be trusted as their Creator! Happy Scavenger Hunting! ☺